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1. SPANISH LANGUAGE TEXT OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENT NO. 21 ENTITLED "SECRETARIAT'S ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT" WAS ISSUED MARCH 28. THE RESOLUTION SO FAR IS SPONSORED ONLY BY URUGUAY. PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS ARE UNREMARKABLE EXCEPT FOR LAST ONE WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: REALIZING ALSO THAT THE ACTION OF THE MORE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN DEFENSE OF THEIR ENVIRONMENT MIGHT HAVE ADVERSE ECONOMIC EFFECT ON THE NATIONS OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF ECLA, END QUOTE.

2. AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE 4 OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS FOLLOWS:

1. NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE CREATION OF UNEP AND THE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THAT PROGRAM AND THE SECRETARIAT OF ECLA WITH VIEW TO MAKING STUDIES, INVESTIGATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE REQUIRED IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENT
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LATIN AMERICA, IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACTION PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE;

2. URGES OR REQUESTS (INSTAR) THE SECRETARIAT TO GIVE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO COOPERATING WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REGION IN THE TASK OF EVALUATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION, THE ANALYSIS OF 4 OF REF C CONCERNING A POSSIBLE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE ABCC UNDER ARTICLE 15 INSTEAD OF ARTICLE 16 OF THE CUSTOMS TARIFF LAW. THE EMBASSY SHOULD POSITIVELY ESTABLISH IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GOJ THAT FORTHCOMING AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO SUCH A CHANGE IN VIEW OF THE HARDSHIPS WHICH WILL BE INFLICTED UPON THE ABCC IN A TRANSITION PERIOD AND UNDER OTHER LEGAL REGIMES.

4. IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES, THE DEPARTMENT ASKS THAT EXPEDITIOUS ACTION BE TAKEN IN SPIRIT OF PARA 5 REFTEL A TO ASSURE A QUIET TRANSITION TO THE STATUS FOR THE ABCC ALLOWABLE UNDER THE PROPOSED GOJ NOTE IN VIEW OF NEED FOR CONTINUITY IN SUCH MATTERS AS FPO, MEDICAL AND COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES. FYI ONLY: RE LAST SENTENCE PARA 5, DEPT QUESTIONS ASSUMPTION THAT SOFA PROVIDES BASIS FOR MAKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO ABCC. EMBASSY COMMENTS REGARDING CITATION OF AUTHORITY ARE INVITED.

5. CONTINUED ACCESS TO FPO IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE. WE ARE ADVISED THAT TERMINATION OF THIS SERVICE WOULD HAVE A PROFOUND ADVERSE IMPACT ON ABCC'S SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM. FOR EXAMPLE, THE LABORATORY QUALITY CONTROL AND TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WOULD BE ELIMINATED IF FPO SERVICE IS DISCONTINUED. THE CDC REFUSES TO SEND THEIR CONTROL AND TEST SAMPLES TO OVERSEAS ADDRESSES FOR THE OBVIOUS REASON THAT CUSTOMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CLEARANCE DELAYS IN INTERNATIONAL MAIL MAKE THE EVALUATION OF SPECIMENS ANALYSES USELESS. THIS SERVICE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ABCC LABORATORY STANDARDS.

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